

BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY

SURVEY NO.: B-2094

AREA: Cathedral Hill

MAGI NO.: 0420945711

Address: 411 North Charles Street
Current Name:

Block: 566 Lot: 6 Lot size: 26 ft. x 126 ft.
Height: 4 Materials: Brick and stone
Condition: Good Owner: G. Edward Reahl, Jr, et al
Use: Commercial Accessible: yes, restricted
Designation: Liber/Folio: RHB 2778/329



Historic Name: Grafflin Building
Date: 1904
Architect/Builder: Ellicott and Emmart, arch.
Style (if appropriate): Renaissance Revival

Description: The roman brick facade has a single central bay above the first floor storefront and the raised basement shop. The entrance is at street level and is framed by a white-painted surround featuring dentil moldings. The door itself is a modern plywood surfaced security door which does not fit the opening. Above the door frame is an oculus surrounded by elaborate stone cornucopia swags and a wreath. The first floor storefront and basement shop have modern plate glass windows. A stone belt course separates the upper stories from the storefront. Twin brick pilasters with bellflower decoration at the tops support console brackets at the cornice line. The central window bay projects on the second and third floors with three-part windows of the Chicago commercial type. The fourth floor window is flat under a segmental arch with a central stone medallion carved with the date 1904 and floral ornamentation. The cornice features a fluted frieze and a short parapet wall above the entablature.

Significance:

Area: architecture

Level: local

This facade coincides with the Baltimore Fire of 1904 and thus features the heavier floral ornamentation common among the commercial architectural styles in the late 19th century. After the Fire, more stripped-down Classical Revival styles gained popularity. Several architects had their offices at 411 North Charles in the early 20th century, including A. Lowther Forrest (1909-28), Alfred C. Leach (1921-29), and Charles E. Cassell & Son (beginning in 1904).

Sources: DR 9-19-03, 3-11-04; A & B Journ. 6-1904.
Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, May 1985

Baltimore Metrocenter Survey
Cathedral Hill Area
Grafflin Building
411 North Charles Street
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411 North Charles Street
Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Janet Davis
Date: August 1984
Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
West elevation

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: 411 North Charles Street				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 411 North Charles Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY:	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Edward G. Reahl, Jr. & wife				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Records Office, Room 601, Baltimore City Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: Calvert and Fayette Streets				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			STATE: Maryland	
			21202	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): RHB 2778-329				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Commission for Hist. and Arch. Pres.				
STREET AND NUMBER: 26 S. Calvert Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			STATE: Maryland	
			21202	

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div> <div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This masonry building is laid in common bond; it is four stories high, two bays wide on the first story, and one bay wide in the upper stories.</p> <p>In the first story the door is on the left of the facade. It is placed in a flat-arched, moulded frame. The basement, to the lower right, has a glass door flanked by plate glass windows. Above these, in the first story, are three plate glass windows. Above the doorway is a large oculus window which is surrounded by a stone wreath moulding. Beneath this is swag moulding. Above this is a stone cornice.</p> <p>The second through the fourth story windows are set in a large, flat-arched recess in the facade, which is flanked by two flat pilasters. On each of these stories is a large, tripartite bay window. In the second story, the left and center bays of the bay window contain plate glass; the right bay has a double hung, one-over-one window which is partially boarded. In the third story, the center bay is plate glass, and the flanking windows are double hung, one-over-one. The fourth story bay window is flush with the facade, unlike the projecting bay windows of the lower two stories. There are plate glass windows in all three of its bays, and these are set in a segmental arch. The spandrels above are filled with splayed stone. At the crown of the arch is a foliated roundel bearing the date of the building's completion (1904). This motif overlaps into the entablature above, which is ornamented with vertical incisions in the stone. At either end of the entablature are two pairs of brackets resting atop the pilasters. These support the braced roof cornice.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Refer to 421 North Charles

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

26x126'

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Joseph Potts, Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Commission for Hist. and Arch. Pres.

DATE

11/26/75

STREET AND NUMBER:

26 S. Calvert Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

21202

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State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

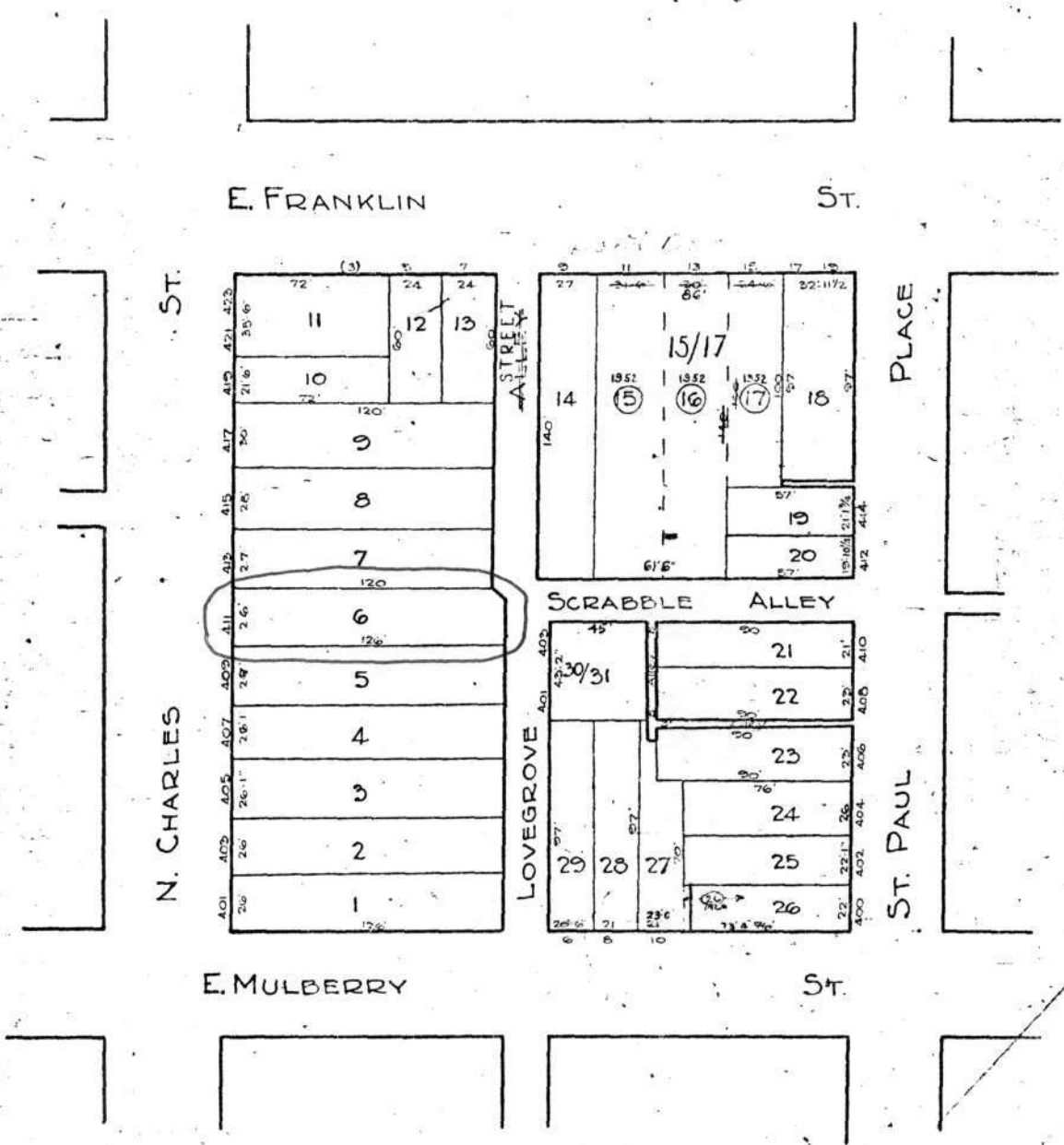
Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

REVISIONS
 Lots 15, 16, & 17 Cons'd Per App 0836 C 5th 3437
 Lot 26 Under Per City Sec Act, C 5th 4129
 Lot 30th STREET NAME CORR Per L&O 86518

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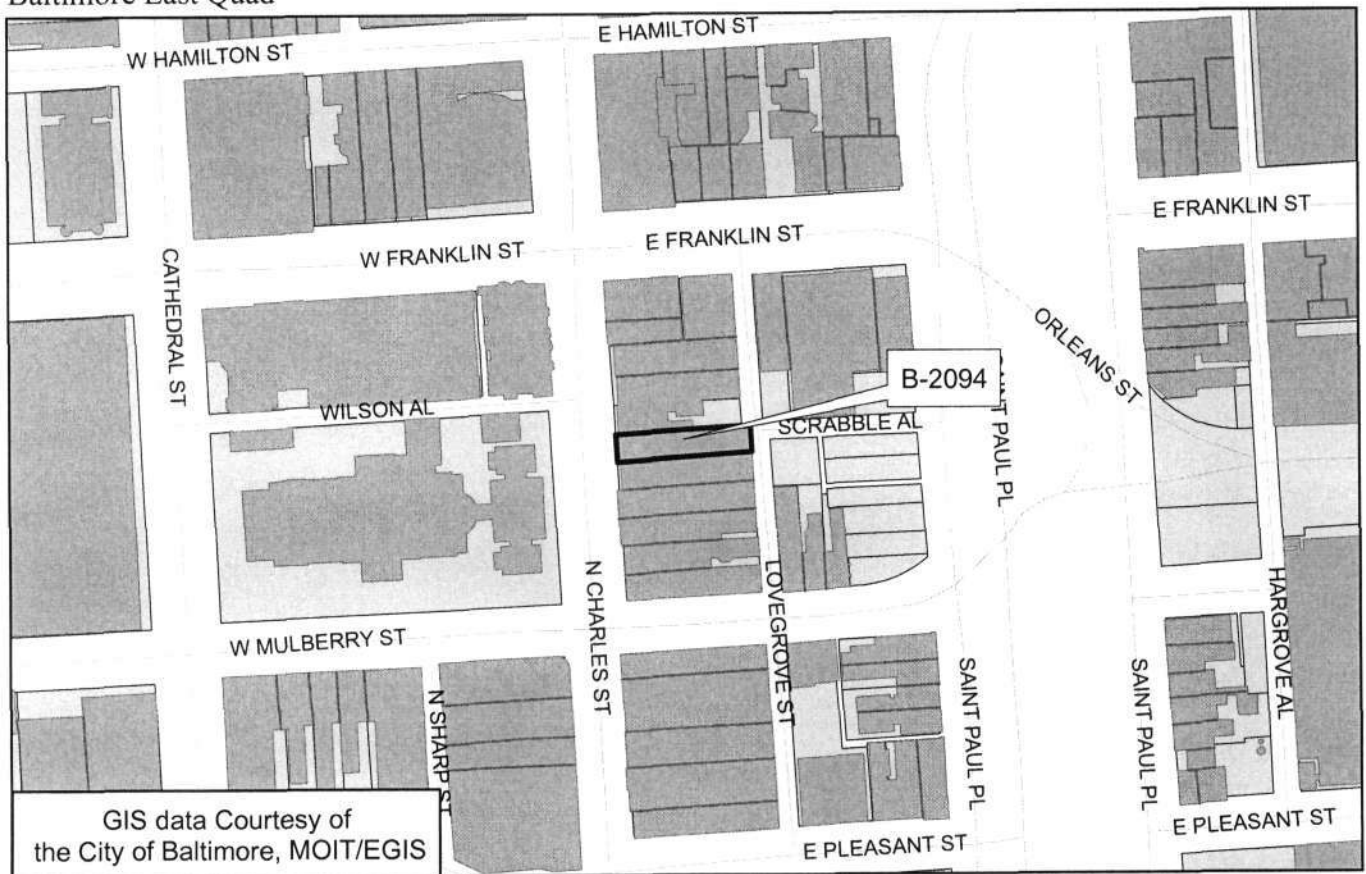


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 LETTERED BY: W. M. LEE
 CHECKED BY: W. M. LEE
 DATE: 2-1-19

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CITY OF BALTIMORE
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 BUREAU OF PLANS & SURVEYS
 PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION
 WARD 4 SECTION 1
 BLOCK 500
 (SCALE: 1" = 50' 0" 1" = 100' 0")

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Grafflin Building
411 North Charles Street
Block 0566 Lot 006
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad





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